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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF SEMICONDUCTOR CHIP, AND
SEMICONDUCTOR CHIP

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is being remitted, and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application (Japanese Office Action dated July 6, 2010 for Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-345198) citing the presently disclosed documents.

Applicant submits English language abstracts, as well as machine translations, for each of JP 11-177139, JP 09-106965, JP 11-040849, JP 2001-230497, and JP 2001-284293.

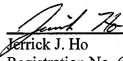
JP 10-125958 was previously submitted in an IDS filed June 2, 2006 and is not listed again on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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